

Torrance, California
June 25, 1946

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting of the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, June 25, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held June 11, 1946 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held June 18, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Labor Herald, Official California C I O Newspaper, soliciting an advertisement from the City of Torrance for the forthcoming 1946 Labor Day issue. A copy of last year's advertisement was enclosed, cost of which was \$25.00. It was stated that the same advertisement will be inserted this year for the same cost if the City so desires.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the City has had this advertisement placed in the Labor Herald for the past two years.

Councilman Tolson moved that the same advertisement, at a cost of \$25.00, as was printed last year be inserted in the Labor Day issue of the Labor Herald newspaper this year. Councilman

Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from California Water Service Company, advising that the company has been requested to extend its mains for service to a new subdivision known as Dolly Seaside Acres in the City of Torrance, contiguous to Hollywood Riviera, and covering 207 acres immediately north of State Highway 101. Terms were given under which the company would furnish the water, and consent of the City Council was requested.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary permit to allow California Water Service Company to extend its mains for service to Dolly Seaside Acres. No second was received.

A discussion ensued relative to events in the future which might be affected by this action, Attorney McCall stating that, should the City ever desire to change the grades of the streets, some stipulation should be made at this time to provide that the Water Company would pay cost of moving the mains.

Councilman Gilbert said he understood all the streets are laid out already and no development of this kind is contemplated, which Engineer Jain confirmed. However, Engineer Jain said, it may be deemed advisable to refer the matter for further investigation and study to preclude the possibility of any events in the future being affected by this action.

Councilman Gilbert withdrew his motion to grant the request, and then moved that the request of California Water Service Company, that the City Council consent to the Company's extension of its mains for service to a new subdivision known as Dolly Seaside Acres in the City of Torrance, be referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney for study and recommendation to the City Council at the next regular meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from George Cleveland of the firm of Cleveland and Wade, making application for a city license to conduct a business on Torrance Community Airport. It was advised that the firm is operating a flying school and sales office on the field.

Councilman Tolson stated that there will be many requests similar to this, and that, in his opinion, some provision should be made in the new business license ordinance now under preparation for properly licensing businesses operated in connection with the airport.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request of George Cleveland as above read be referred to the Aviation Commission for recommendation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Rayonette C. Brown, a City of Torrance Crossing Guard, making certain recommendations in connection with crossing guard work, being:

1. That a "Caution" or "School" sign be placed in the center of the intersection at Crenshaw and Torrance Boulevards.
2. That a large "School Stop" sign be provided.
3. That a small window be cut in the west side of the Guard House, facing towards Fern School walks on Torrance Boulevard, and
4. That non-breakable glass be placed in the windows and wooden shutters provided to cover the outside of same while Guard is off duty, which can be locked from the inside.

Mrs. Brown concluded by thanking the City Council for returning her to the position of Crossing Guard.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendations submitted by Mrs. Brown be referred to the City Engineer for an estimate of the cost of complying with same, and a recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Lucille Lee, tendering her resignation as a member of the Library Board, effective July 1, 1946.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mrs. Lee's resignation be accepted and that Mrs. Irene Hopkins be appointed as a member of the Library Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Lee. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Council extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lucille Lee for her service to the City while serving as a member of the City Library Board. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Paul Findley, Chairman, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, advising that on the night of July 2, 1946 at 8:00 P.M., the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 will hold an all "Hollywood Show" as the Legion's part of the Welcome Home Week for World War II Veterans, and extending an invitation to the City Family to attend the show.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that he has received from Torrance Area Projects Corporation a request for additional local bus service to the Ball Park and to the Lomita Flight Strip during the forthcoming five-day Veterans' Celebration, and requesting permission from the Council to install the additional special service for the five day period.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Ward be authorized to furnish the additional service as requested. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Torrance Area Projects, requesting that the City Electrician be authorized and instructed to erect electric light lines to serve the main tent being placed on the city lots on El Prado and Cravens Avenue for the "Welcome Home to Veterans" Celebration. It was further requested that, in the event the usual city lighting proves insufficient for the booths along El Prado, supplementary lines be strung to permit night operations.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Torrance Area Projects, requesting permission to place signs on the outside of busses of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, publicizing the "Welcome Home Veterans" Celebration.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request be granted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Torrance Area Projects, advising that, during the "Welcome Home Veterans" Celebration scheduled for the near future, it will be necessary to establish a twenty-four hour security for the protection of valuable property in various organization booths in the downtown area, and also Government property and aircraft on the Lomita Flight Strip.

It was requested that two police officers be placed on duty in the City and two additional police officers be placed on duty at the Flight Strip July 2 to July 7, 1946, inclusive. Councilman Gilbert moved that the Police Department be authorized to employ additional special officers to provide the extra service as requested by Torrance Area Projects, inasmuch as the Police Department is short of regular personnel at this time.

Councilman Powell reported that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Schumacher, the Acting Chief of Police, who had advised that, rather than employ new men for this job of policing during the celebration, he would prefer to use members of the regular police force, inasmuch as they are experienced men and can be relied upon to perform this work in an efficient manner. He had advised,

Councilman Powell continued, that, if he is allowed to rearrange the hours of officers, and establish a special schedule for the days above-mentioned, he can assign certain experienced police officers to this special duty.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Schumacher, Acting Chief of the Police Department, be authorized to rearrange the working schedule of the members of the Police Department in order that officers may be placed on duty in accordance with the request of Torrance Area Projects, from July 2 to July 7, 1946, in the downtown area and at the Lomita Flight Strip, and that the Acting Chief be further authorized to employ extra police officers during this period if he considers it necessary, all ^{added} expense for salaries expended for this extra policing to be borne by the City. Councilman Tolson, after withdrawing his motion, seconded Councilman Powell's motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee, signed by C. Z. Ward, Publicity Manager, requesting use of the Torrance Municipal Park July 3 and 4, 1946 for the annual rodeo, and use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of July 4, 1946 for a cowboy dance in connection with the rodeo, to be a part of the forthcoming "Welcome Home to Veterans" Celebration.

It was further requested that the City install a hitching bar on the south side of the park next to Santa Fe Avenue for tying horses participating in the rodeo.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Torrance Annual Rodeo Committee be granted use of the Torrance Municipal Park July 3 and 4, 1946 for staging the annual rodeo, and use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of July 4, 1946 for a cowboy dance, but that the Rodeo Committee assume responsibility for installing the hitching bar. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that, due to an urgent business affiliation, Mr. Bennett L. Dorsey, driver for the Bus Department, finds it necessary to sever his employment with the City of Torrance on July 5, 1946.

It was recommended that, although Mr. Dorsey lacks fourteen days of completing one full year's service, his proportionate vacation pay be allowed.

Councilman Tolson moved that, inasmuch as this employee has rendered excellent service to the City, and now finds it necessary to resign his position due to important business affiliation, the proportionate vacation pay be allowed and paid in accordance with Mr. Ward's recommendation. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A copy of a Resolution submitted by Torrance-Lomita Realty Board at their meeting of June 10, 1946 to County Assessor, John R. Quinn, Members of the County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County, and the City Council, City of Torrance, was read, relative to proposed method of assessing real property in the County of Los Angeles. A protest was made to the proposed method.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the First Fundamental Baptist Church, Park and Newton Streets, Welteria, California, requesting permission to erect a large tent on property owned by the church on the northwest corner of Park and Newton Streets, Welteria, for the purpose of conducting a Vacation Bible School and Evangelistic Service beginning July 15, 1946 and continuing for four weeks.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented an invoice from the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, being fees for the performance of Civil Service functions for the City of Torrance from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946, per Contract No. 377-Z, in a total amount of \$439.80.

Councilman Tolson moved that the bill be ordered paid. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented a voluminous report from the State Employees' Retirement System relative to participation of City of Torrance employees in the retirement plan, which report contained various facts and figures of cost to employees if the plan is adopted. Clerk Bartlett suggested that a meeting of City employees be held to ascertain the wishes of the majority of the employees, at which time the figures contained in the report can be submitted to the employees.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be authorized to call a mass meeting of city employees for the purpose of acquainting them with the report referred to relative to participation of the City of Torrance in the State Retirement Plan. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition, signed by Douglas L. Harline, Jolinn Harline, Joe C. Tedesco, and Mrs. R. J. Tedesco, was read, requesting that the alley in the rear of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block F, Tract 7506, be ordered vacated, and giving reasons for submitting said request.

After a short period of discussion, Councilman Tolson moved - that the request be referred to the Planning Commission. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Mr. Beebe of the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers had advised that valuations for Municipal Water District No. 1 (Walteria-South Torrance) have been determined, and the bonds are being offered for sale.

Clerk Bartlett then presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1781

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SUCH BONDS, AND ESTABLISHING FUNDS.

Councilman Gilbert moved Resolution No. 1781 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Bartlett reported that Mr. Beebe had also informed that the true valuations of Municipal Water District No. 2 (North Torrance) are still being determined.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1782

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 TO SELL WATER OUTSIDE OF SAID DISTRICT LIMITS ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE KETTLER ESTATE, TRACT NO. 14016, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND FIXING RATES FOR WATER SOLD ON SAID PROPERTY.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1782 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1783

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF OAK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1783 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1784

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT DEED FROM A. M. SLAVICK AND LEAH SLAVICK AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1784 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1785

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING ASSOCIATION GRANT DEED FROM CITIZENS NATIONAL TRUST & SAVINGS BANK OF LOS ANGELES, AS TRUSTEE, AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1785 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett reported that a search of the records reveals that certain employees are entitled to vacation pay which they did not receive upon entry into the Armed Forces, total amount being \$359.75.

Clerk Bartlett reported that renewal of contracts and agreements for the 1946-47 fiscal year is in order.

Councilman Gilbert moved that contracts and agreements be renewed at an Adjourned Regular Meeting Friday, June 28, 1946 at 8:00 P.M. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$85.00 be made for one used Wedgewood stove for the Fire Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, upon recommendation of Fire Chief McMaster, fire hydrants be installed at the following intersections:

1. Corner of Torrance Boulevard and Cravens Avenue.
2. Corner of Monterey Street and Date Avenue.
3. Corner of Santa Fe Street and Cabrillo Avenue.
4. Corner of Via La Circula and Via Bonita, Hollywood Riviera.

Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$153.33 be made for purchase of an Underwood Typewriter with a 14-inch carriage, for use in the Engineering and Building Departments. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$210.00, plus tax, be made for a six foot wide bucket, for the new, one cubic yard tractor loader, Street Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$125.00 be made for book stacks for the library. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$227.00, plus tax, be made for 2 type DQ manually operated Johnson fare boxes, for the Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$722.94 be made for one $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton 1942 Dodge Pickup truck, from War Assets Corporation, for the Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$225.00 be made for painting Bus No. 101, and that an appropriation of \$225.00 be made for painting Bus No. 102, Bus Lines. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Engineer, Mr. Jain, be authorized to prepare estimates of cost of opening Arlington Avenue from 190th Street south, due to contemplated development of the area. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$370.00 be made as an additional amount to the amount appropriated heretofore, for the back stop and fence to be installed at the Fern Avenue Ball Park. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that, in compliance with a recommendation of Mr. Blake, Superintendent of the Park Department, the following high school students be employed for temporary seasonal

employment for the Park Department, at salaries of \$205.00 per month each, effective June 24, 1946: Eddie Findley and Dave Babcock, for the summer; and Billie Tolson and Jack Turner for one month only. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Engineer be requested to furnish the Council an estimate of cost of improving the one block of dirt road on Date Street north of Sonoma Street. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert stated that the block of roadway is in deplorable condition, and serves as the front entrance to the property owners living there.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$340.00 be made for services rendered account actuarial calculations regarding participation in State Employees' Retirement System, in accordance with the contract dated April 26, 1946. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that back vacation pay, in the amount of \$359.75, be authorized, payable to those employees who did not receive their proper vacation pay upon entering the Armed Forces. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey announced appointment of a Charter Committee, after which he read a statement in which it was urged that every public minded citizen is urged to give the charter question careful thought, and that any group or organization, or individual, desiring to offer suggestions do so by contacting the Committee and sending a delegate to attend hearings, dates of hearings to be publicized. He proceeded to appoint the Charter Committee as follows: Dr. Howard Wood, Chairman, Carl D. Steele, James Lynch, Mrs. Mina Shidler, and Mrs. Mark Wright, members, making a five-member committee.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. A. L. Elder protested regarding the noise, smoke and confusion resulting from operation of engines of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company along Madrid Avenue. He reminded the Council that the subject of removal of the railroad tracks had been discussed repeatedly about a year ago, at which time the Council decided not to take action until six months after the end of the war. He said that he was aware of the fact an official end of the war has not yet been declared, but, he said, it might be many years before this is done, and, in the meantime, the people along Madrid Avenue are being subjected to this nuisance unnecessarily.

A discussion ensued, after which Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Council for further study and report. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously,

Mr. George Thatcher of Walteria urged that the sample ordinance which was presented to the Council approximately six months ago requesting appointment of a Recreation Commission be adopted by the Council, in view of the fact that many important matters relative to recreation are developing and will continue to develop which will require study and recommendation.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Clerk Bartlett give the model ordinance to either City Attorney McCall or Deputy Attorney Willett for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin Nelson requested removal of the boulevard stop signs on 220th Street and Arlington Avenue, stating that he had circulated

the petition which was presented to the Council some time ago requesting removal of the signs.

A discussion ensued, during which Mr. Nelson was informed that the original petition had been referred to the Chief of Police for recommendation, who had recommended that the stops be left in place for the protection of small children who use this crossing constantly in going to and from school, both during school terms and during school vacation. Councilman Powell added that it is imperative to slow down traffic in the residential areas to protect the public.

Mr. Nelson stated that the signs are difficult to see at night, which have caused many people, including himself, to receive traffic citations for failing to stop, whereupon he recommended that the signs be lighted. The Council agreed this appeared to be a good suggestion.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Chief of Police be authorized and directed to have installed reflector lights on the two boulevard stop signs on 220th Street and Arlington Avenue. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. George Thatcher again addressed the Council, stating that the confused state of house numbering in Walteria causes many complications, and suggested that the matter be adjusted by assigning a uniform numbering system.

Mr. Jain, City Engineer, advised that the numbering is confused, not only in Walteria, but in South and North Torrance, which properties were annexed to the City of Torrance at various times, with no uniform system of numbering ever having been worked out. He stated that, to do so involves a great deal of work and that his office does not have sufficient personnel to do the work.


After a short period of discussion, Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Engineer be authorized to make contact with someone, or persons, who might understand this type of work, and obtain an estimate of cost to the City for having the work done, length of time the work would involve, and report his findings to the City Council. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:15 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Jackson, the meeting adjourned to June 28, 1946 at 8:00 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE